

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-8, 10-11, 13-14, 16-17, 19-20, 22-23, 25-26, 28-29, 31-32, 34-35, 37-38, 40-41 and 43-44 were rejected as unpatentable over NGUYEN WO 99/03293 in view YI et al. 5,946,632 and WILLIAMS et al. 5,475,735.

The Official Action acknowledges that NGUYEN and YI et al. do not disclose or suggest the step of altering the registered area of each location-limited mobile station to alternative registered areas during a preset time period (or the corresponding limitations in the system and record medium claims) and relies on WILLIAMS et al. to modify the primary reference to include this feature.

However, it is not believed that WILLIAMS et al. disclose or suggest this step and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

WILLIAMS et al. is very similar to YI et al. in that both references permit registration of the location-limited mobile station in another area (YI et al. column 1, lines 60-62, and WILLIAMS et al. column 4, lines 40-50). However, neither reference discloses or suggests the step of altering the registered area to an alternative registered area during a preset time period. WILLIAMS et al. (column 5, lines 13-16 and lines 40-44) state that whenever the station finds itself in a different access network, it will register there. Note that they

say "whenever," and do not say at a preset time period. "Whenever" is a time that is unknown and thus is exactly opposite the present invention. When a time period is unknown, it is not a "preset time period."

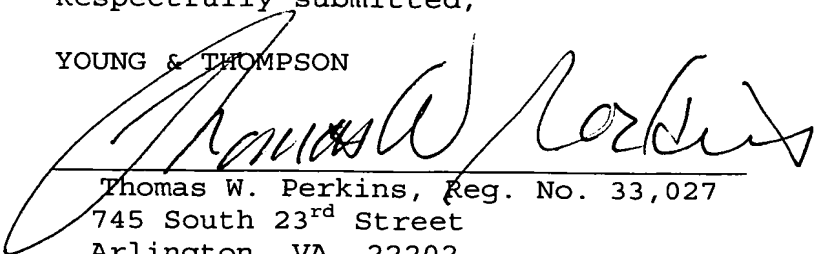
If one of skill in the art of the present invention were to combine these references in the manner suggested in the Official Action, the combination would offer no suggestion to perform the step of altering the registered area to an alternative registered area during a preset time period, and thus this feature would not be obvious to one of skill in the art and the claims avoid the rejection under §103.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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